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INFO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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SUBJECT: PRICE AND AVAILABILITY FOR GOH

REF: STATE 220491

1. OUR GENERAL VIEW OF THE GOH REQUEST FOR PRICE AND AVAILABILITY FIGURES IS THAT IT MAY BE A REFERENCE DATUM FOR PLANNING, RATHER THAN "SHOPPING LIST" FOR IMMEDIATE PURCHASE OF ALL ITEMS INQUIRED ABOVE. A GREAT DEAL OF PRESENT HONDURAN INFANTRY WEAPONRY IS COMPOSED OF DISPARATE MAKES AND MODELS OF ARMS FROM A VARIETY OF COUNTRIES. THEREFORE THE MOST LOGICAL AND REALISTIC ESTIMATE OF GOH INTEREST IN THE DATA IS ITS DESIRE TO STANDARDIZE AND TO CERTAIN EXTENT MODERNIZE WEAPONRY, BUT NOT TO EQUIP NEW UNITS. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION FROM ANY SOURCE INDICATING DESIRE TO ESTABLISH NEW UNITS.

2. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE GOH DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT A POSSIBLE INFANTRY ARMS PURCHASE WOULD ALARM EL SALVADOR OR CAUSE THE NEGOTIATIONS TO FAIL. (THE REQUEST FOR PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATA, OF COURSE, DOES NOT AT THIS STAGE YIELD ANY CONCLUSIONS AS TO TIMING OR SCOPE OF PROSPECTIVE ORDERS.) THERE IS A

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CLEAR AWARENESS ON THE PART OF THE TOP HONDURAN

LEADERSHIP ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRESENT TALKS
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